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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, ETRO, MZ

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE TIGHTENS IMPORT CONTROLS FURTHER

REF: A) LOURENCO MARQUES 432; B) LOURENCO MARQUES 458

1. EXCEPT FOR MEDICINES, INSECTICIDES, BABY FOOD, SCHOOL BOOKS, SPARE PARTS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND LUBRICANTS, AND OTHER PRODUCTS REQUIRED BY "FORCE MAJEURE," MOZAMBIQUE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL ACCEPT NO REQUESTS FOR IMPORT LICENSES UNTIL END OF JUNE. REASONS GIVEN FOR MEASURE ARE: A) SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE; AND B) ACCUMULATION OF BACKLOG OF THOUSANDS OF UNSATISFIED REQUESTS FOR IMPORT LICENSES.

2. COMMENT: TRADITIONALLY, MOZAMBIQUE EARNS BULK OF ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS DURING FOURTH QUARTER OF YEAR AND REQUIRES FINANCING FOR IMPORTS DURING

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SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. WITH POLITICAL AND LABOR UNREST

REDUCING INVISIBLE ACCOUNT EARNINGS FROM TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, FINANCIAL NEEDS ARE GREATER THAN USUAL. BANKING SOURCES INDICATE MOZAMBIQUE'S CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE ARE VIRTUALLY DEPLETED AND EXPECT LOANS FROM METROPOLE AND ANGOLA TO BE FORTHCOMING SOON (SEE REF A)  
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